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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: John H. Holdridge

SUBJECT: Another Visit By Senator Tran Van Don

Our Embassy in Saigon has informed us that Senator Tran Van Don will visit the United States in the latter half of September, and will be in Washington for about a week beginning September 21.

The Senator's program is being established by the Vietnamese Embassy. Don has indicated in Saigon that he would like to meet with Ambassador Sullivan, and Ambassador Sullivan has told me that he wants to see you.

Our Embassy believes that we can be a little bit warmer to Don than we were last year, since he is somewhat more constructive now than he was then. The Embassy thinks we should make "suitable appointments" for him, if requested, but "not at the highest level."

We understand that the State Department will forward recommendations on Don's handling here. In the meantime, in case you are asked about him by others, you should know that during his last visit here he did not see anybody on the White House staff. He tried only once to see Mr. Smyser, apparently at Governor Harriman's suggestion since he called from Harriman's house. Mr. Smyser was not in the office and Don did not call again. We understand Bui Diem had told him that nobody at the White House would see him.

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Don. I. Agent.  
Smyser seeing him - but  
no sense in pushing it.